



‘Things to Do’ around USAG Wiesbaden

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This week/coming up

MAINZ

Mainzer Rhein Frühling – Spring time at the Rhine in Mainz



Venture across the river to the capital of Rhineland-Palatinate to visit the Spring Fair at the shores of the Rhine River. Experience carnival atmosphere, carousels, crafts and good food between the Theodor-Heuss-Bridge and the so-called Kaisertor (the area to the right of the bridge when you’re crossing the river coming from Kastel). For two weeks you can enjoy many new rides, such as a tunnel of horror, a super slide, the Break Dance ride and a magic world for kids. The fair runs from **Saturday, March 26th – Sunday, April 10th**.

For more information on the event, please click here: <http://www.mainz.de/freizeit-und-sport/feste-und-veranstaltungen/veranstaltungs-kalender.php?sp-mode=eventdetail&sp-detail=94360&sp-detail-date=134954>

FRANKFURT

Dippemess Fair



If you can't get enough of carousels, Bratwurst and crafts, you can venture to Frankfurt's largest and oldest fair (dating back to the 12th century) called "Dippemess" ("pottery market") where you can find the wildest rides and attractions. This fair, which is located at the Festplatz am Ratsweg, runs from **March 18th – April 10th** (closed on Good Friday). There is a "Family Day" on Thursdays on which rides only cost half the price. Families with little kids will most likely enjoy the "Kids Area". There will be a big fireworks display on April 10th at 10 p.m.

For more information, please click here: <https://www.rheinmain4family.de/events/show/event/fruehjahrs-dippemess-in-frankfurt.html>

ST. GOAR

Guided Lantern Tour through Medieval Castle



If you have ever wondered what it is like to wander through the biggest medieval fortress in the Middle Rhine Valley by night, you should head over to Castle Rheinfels on **Saturday, March 26th at 8 p.m.** to take a guided tour through this well-preserved ruin. The guide takes you on a one-hour tour (in German) by candlelight. You do not necessarily need to be able to understand German to enjoy this nighttime experience. Just make sure you wear sturdy shoes.

To reserve your spot, please contact the St. Goar Tourist Info (they speak English) at touristinfo@st-goar.de or Tel.: 0 67 41 – 383.

This event is part of the "Rheinleuchten" (Rhine Illumination) which is an event from March 20th – April 2nd in which different sites along the Middle Rhine valley are being illuminated in all sorts of colorful effect lights. For more information on this event, just visit: <http://www.rhein-leuchten.de/veranstaltungen-aktionen.html>

KASTEL

Street Food Festival & Market

For the first and also the last time, Kastel will celebrate its Street Food Festival at Clemens Areal on Wiesbadener Strasse 93. Reason for that is the demolition of the former factory there to build condos and

apartments. Visitors can try enjoy local delicacies presented on so-called mobile “Food Trucks”, meet friends and enjoy a good time from **Saturday, March 26th until Monday, March 29th**.

Please visit the following website for more information: <http://street-food-market.de/>

KASTEL

Medieval Fair at the Redit



The first Medieval Fair for this season will take place from **Saturday, March 26th – Monday, March 28th** at the Redit in Kastel. Many Medieval clubs and organizations will dress up and will take you back in time with music, knights’ games, falconry, a hand-operated Ferris wheel, horses and a fairy tale tent. The over 100 participants of the fair will show how crafts were done back in the dark times and will offer clothes and accessories for sale.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.prohistory.de/>

WIESBADEN

Biggest Easter Fire in the Area



The biggest Easter fire in the Rhein-Main area is presented this year at the Schlachthof, Murnaustasse 1, on **Saturday, March 26th at 6 p.m.** There will be Easter bunnies, a Kinder Show and a “gentle giant”. Free admission!

For more information, please visit:

http://www.wiesbaden.de/medien/rathausnachrichten/PM_Zielseite.php?showpm=true&pmurl=http://www.wiesbaden.de/guiapplications/newsdesk/publications/Landeshauptstadt_Wiesbaden/141010100000215098.php

WIESBADEN

The Nerobergbahn season has begun



Enjoy a unique experience – a ride on the Neroberg Mountain Railway. This is the oldest water-driven railway in Germany. This year’s season officially begins again on **Good Friday, March 25th** and runs until late October. There will be specials awaiting guests on the opening weekend: everybody who celebrates their birthday on March 25th including one accompanying person will get a free ride. There will also be a raffle where you can win a Segway Tour around the Neroberg, gift cards for the Kletterwald and many more.

For more information, please visit: http://www.nerobergbahn.de/nbb_engl_.pdf



Take a Hike

Weekend of March 26-27th

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night!

Saint-Hubert, Belgium (B-6870) -- This Saturday event is due west of Bitburg but two countries over. It's about a 1-hour 40-minute drive from Bitburg. The trails offered include a 42-km marathon. From Bitburg and Spangdahlem, use B50 to B257/E29 south to Echternacherbrück and the Luxembourg border. After crossing into Luxembourg, continue on N11/E29 southwest toward Luxembourg City. At Waldof, connect with Autoroutes A7, A1 and A6 to drive around Luxembourg City to the south and west. Continue on A6 to the Belgian border, and then on the A4/E25/E411 to the Libramont-Chevigny exit (25). Take N89 to Vesqueville (Chénet is too far), then N849 to Saint-Hubert and the Salle Communale at Rue Général Dechesne, 1 **Saturday:** 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6, 12 and 20 km) and 6:30-9 a.m. (42 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** Unknown.

Eschenburg-Wissenbach (35713) -- This Sunday event is northwest of Giessen and about a 90-minute drive from Wiesbaden. From Wiesbaden, use Autobahns 66, 5 and 45 to Giessen, exit at Dillenburg (25), and then connect with B277 and B253 to reach the start at Wissenbach.

Start: Mehrzweckhalle at Forsthausstraße 20 **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) **Trail:** Expected to be hilly, woods **Award:** None.

Easter Monday, March 28

Baâlon, France (F-55700) -- This Easter Monday event is west of Montmedy and west-southwest of Arlon and includes a 42-km marathon along with a variety of trials. It's a little less than a 2-hour drive from Bitburg. From Bitburg and Spangdahlem, use B51 south to Neuhaus and Autobahn 64 to the border. After crossing into Luxembourg, continue on Autoroutes A1 and A6 to drive around Luxembourg City to the south and west. Continue on A6 to the Belgian border, and then on the A4/E25 to the Habay exit (29). Take N87 through Etalle and Rouvrov, then continue to the French border. Once across the border, continue on D981 and D947 to the start at Baâlon.

Start: Salle des fêtes **Monday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (7 and 10 km), 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. (15 and 20 km) and 7-9 a.m. (30 and 42 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** None.

Morbach-Bischofsdhron (54497) -- This walk celebrates Easter Monday with an event close to Idar-Oberstein. From the KMC, use Autobahns 6 toward Saarbrücken and 62 toward Trier. Exit at Birkenfeld (4) to use B41 to connect with B269. Follow B269 north to Morbach and the start at Bischofsdhron. From Baumholder, use minor roads to Birkenfeld and B269. Head north to the towns of Morbach and Bischofsdhron to reach the start.

Start: Gemeindehaus at Zur Rau 2 **Monday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 km), 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (10 km) and 7 a.m. to noon (20 km) **Trail:** Hilly, woods; short trail has been stroller-friendly in the past **Award:** None.

Talange, France (F-57525) -- This event is north of Metz and a long drive from the KMC, but one which takes you past St. Avold and its American Military Cemetery. From the KMC, use Autobahn 6 past Saarbrücken to

the border. Continue on French Autoroutes A320/E50 and A4/E25 toward Metz. Connect with A31/E25 north of Metz in the direction Thionville and exit at Talange (36). Follow IVV signs to the start. From Bitburg and Spangdahlem, use B51 south to connect with Autobahn A64 to Luxembourg City; after crossing the border, the autobahn becomes A1/E44. Bypass Luxembourg City to the south and connect with A3/E25 toward Metz and, in France, A31/E25 toward Thionville. Exit at Talange (36) to follow IVV signs to the start.

Start: Salle Maurice Baquet on Place des fêtes **Monday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (10, 15 and 20 km) **Trail:** Unknown **Award:** None.

Questions? Send an email to volksmarch@gmail.com

Flea Markets

- 26-28 Mar - flea market at Daun, train station.
- 26 Mar - flea market at Bad Kreuznach, Pfingstwiese; no new items permitted.
- 26 Mar - flea market at Bingen-Grolsheim, C&C Grosseinkauf; starts at 3 p.m.
- 26 Mar - flea market at Mainz, university parking, Dahlheimer Weg.
- 26 Mar - flea market at Frankfurt, Osthafen, Lindleystr.
- 26 Mar - flea market at Frankfurt-Hoechst, Jahrhunderthalle parking area B, Pfaffenwiese.
- 26 Mar - flea market at Frankfurt-Kalbach, Frischezentrum, Am Martinszehnten; starts at 2 p.m.
- 26 Mar - flea market at Darmstadt, Schenck parking, Pallaswiesenstr.
- 26 Mar - flea market at Wiesbaden-Schierstein, EDEKA C&C; starts at 6 p.m.
- 26 Mar – flea market at Blieskastel, Florianstr./Bahnhofstr. parking area.
- 26 Mar Feb - flea market at Bad Duerkheim, at the Saline.
- 26 Mar - flea market at Ludwigshafen, Jacob-v-Lavale-Pl; starts at 1 p.m.
- 26 Mar - flea market at Mannheim-Bruehl, REAL parking, Mannheimer Landstr.
- 26 Mar - antique- and flea market at Stuttgart, Karlsplatz.
- 26 Mar - flea market at Gerlingen, REAL parking, Weilimdorfer Str.; starts at 10 a.m.
- 27 Mar – flea market at Mainz-Kastel, METRO parking; no new items permitted.
- 27 Mar - flea market at Echzell, REWE parking, Am Muehlbach.
- 27 Mar - flea market at Friedberg, GLOBUS Baumarkt parking, Strassheimer Str.
- 27 Mar - flea market at Altenhasslau, TEGUT parking area.
- 27 Mar - flea market at Hanau, HORNBACH parking, Kinzigheimer Weg.
- 27 Mar - flea market at Maintal, REAL parking, Wingertstr.
- 27/28 Mar - flea market at Bad Schwalbach, EDEKA parking, Edmund-Heusinger-Str.
- 27/28 Mar - flea market at Brechen-Niederbrechen, Festplatz on B 8.
- 27 Mar - flea market at Kelkheim, TOOM parking, Lise-Meitner-Str.
- 27 Mar – flea market at Raunheim, EDEKA parking, Floersheimer Str.
- 27/28 Mar – flea market at Fraulautern, m-Center.
- 27/28 Mar - flea market at Lampertheim-Rosengarten, KAUF LAND, Auf der Laubwiese.
- 28 Mar - flea market at Frankfurt, HESSEN-CENTER, Borsigallee.
- 28 Mar - flea market at Frankfurt-Kalbach, Frischezentrum, Am Martinszehnten.
- 28 Mar - flea market at Frankfurt-Roedelheim, METRO parking, Guericke Str.
- 28 Mar - flea market at Frankfurt, former Neckermann-Zentrale, Ernst-Heinkel-Str.
- 28 Mar – flea market at Neu-Anspach, Buergerhaus-Feldbergcenter parking area.
- 28 Mar – flea market at Egelsbach, REWE-Center.

- 28 Mar – flea market at Gelnhausen, KAUFLAND parking, Weisskirchenweg.
 - 28 Mar – flea market at Waechtersbach, fairground.
 - 28 Mar – flea market at Beerfelden, Festplatz.
 - 28 Mar – flea market at Darmstadt, Schenck parking, Pallaswiesenstr.
 - 28 Mar – flea market at Wiesbaden, REAL parking, Mainzer Str.
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Competition

ZOOM Photo competition

Kids, students and young adults between 12 and 25 have the chance to participate in a photo competition. The focus is on the environment and especially the nature surrounding us all here in Wiesbaden. From March 17th till the end of May everyone can register online at www.zoom-dein-wiesbaden.de and then upload their pictures. The topic this year will be the tree - blooming, old, missing, fallen trees, pictures taken during day, dawn and night, etc. If you would like to know more about this opportunity, you can send an email to team@zoom-dein-wiesbaden.de. The team speaks English.

Museum

Watch chicks hatching!

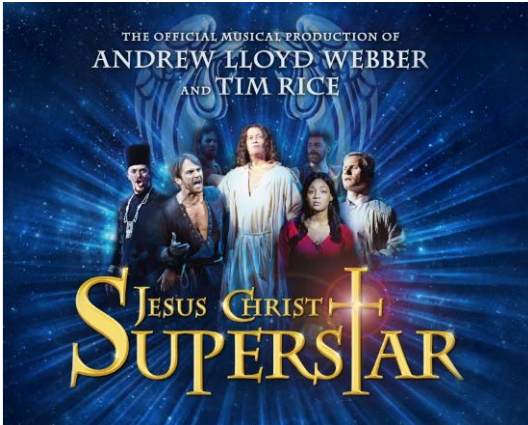
The Museum of Natural History in Mainz has a whole bunch of eggs that are just about ready to hatch. Head over to the museum in downtown Mainz and watch the little fluffy Easter chicks break through the eggshell right in front of you and learn all about what goes on inside the egg. This daily event runs until April 3rd.



For more information, please follow this link:
<http://www.mainz.de/nhm/index.html>

Music

Jesus Christ Superstar Musical



A timeless story, a gripping soundtrack and captivating lyrics: Jesus Christ Superstar tells the story of the last seven days in the life of Jesus Christ. This original musical (in English language) by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice is coming to Frankfurt's Alte Oper with the cast from the London West End on several days between March 22nd and March 27th.

For information on ticket prices and location, please follow this link:

<https://www.alteoper.de/de/programm/veranstaltung.php?id=515445374>

BIEBRICH

Music from the U.S.

New Orleans and Nashville: Helt Ontacle and Gregory Barret are playing traditional southern U.S. music at Kulturclub Biebrich on Armenruhstrasse 23 on Thursday, March 24th at 8 p.m. Both musicians have been playing together for many years and tour many different countries to bring the sounds of the Deep South to people all over the world.

For more information, please visit: www.kulturclub-biebrich.de

For more things to do, please visit the "Things To Do" section on our website

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